

ORIGINALDecision No. 54568

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 NIELSEN FREIGHT LINES to establish)
 joint rates with COAST LINE TRUCK)
 SERVICE, INC., CULY TRANSPORTATION CO.,)
 INC., MERCHANT'S EXPRESS OF CALIFORNIA,) Application No. 38754
 PACIFIC INTERMOUNTAIN EXPRESS, SACRAMENTO)
 FREIGHT LINES, INC., SHIPPERS' EXPRESS)
 COMPANY, STERLING TRANSIT CO., INC.,)
 TRANSCON LINES, WESTERN TRUCK LINES, LTD.,)
 and WILLIG FREIGHT LINES.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Nielsen Freight Lines operates, among other places, between San Francisco and Oakland, on the one hand, and points on State Highway No. 12 between Santa Rosa and Sonoma and points on U. S. Highway No. 101 north of Santa Rosa to and including Willits, on the other hand, and points within the San Francisco-East Bay Cartage Zone. The other applicants, with the exception of Culy Transportation Co., Inc., operate between the San Francisco territory and the Los Angeles territory. Culy Transportation Co., Inc., operates between the San Francisco territory and the San Diego territory. By this application authority is sought to extend existing joint through rate arrangements to include the additional points which Nielsen Freight Lines was authorized to serve by Decisions Nos. 51749, 52664 and 53272. The freight would be interchanged at San Francisco or Oakland.

The proposed rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Service over applicants' lines between the points involved is now subject to combinations of their local rates. These combination rates are

higher than the proposed joint rates. Applicants represent that it will be advantageous to the public to be able to make through shipments over their lines under the lower rates. Applicants propose to originate traffic at points served by Nielsen Freight Lines and transport it under through rates to points served by the other applicants in the Los Angeles and San Diego territories and vice versa.

Applicants state that the authority herein sought was previously granted by Decision No. 53790, of September 18, 1956, in Application No. 38365, but that due to an oversight on the part of their tariff publishing agents, the joint rates were not established. The authority granted by Decision No. 53790 expired December 7, 1956.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the new application. No objection has been received.

It appears that the establishment of the proposed through service, through routes and joint rates, on ten days' notice, is not adverse to the public interest and should be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application.


(2) That the authority herein granted be and it hereby is limited to the extent that it may be exercised in conformity with the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 460 of the Public

Utilities Code and that the authority shall not be construed as relieving applicants from the operation and requirements of said provisions of the Constitution and of the Public Utilities Code to any extent whatsoever.

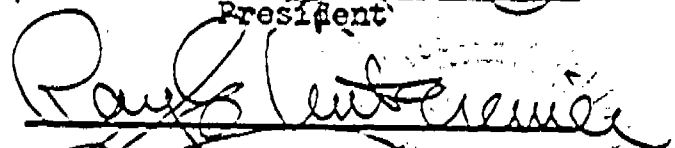
(3) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

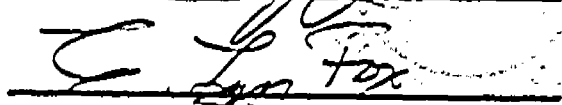
Dated at San Francisco, California this 25th day of February, 1957.



President







Commissioners